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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Michael McDonald, Assistant City Manager

**From:** Otis J. Latin, Sr., Director Homeland Security & Emergency Management

**Date:** October 16, 2006

**Subject:** CAPCOG Executive Committee Meeting

At the regularly scheduled CAPCOG Executive Committee meeting on October 11, 2006, the FY 06 Homeland Security Grant Election Form to CAPCOG was discussed for action. On the Election Form CAPCOG is asked to either check or not check boxes which assign local funds to the State for use on statewide projects. Many County Judges discussed their own opinions about the Election Form to their local jurisdiction and their intent not to check the boxes on the form. Ultimately, the Executive Committee approved a motion to return CAPCOG's Election Form without checking the boxes on the form which will allow the funds to be made available to the CAPCOG region for local homeland security purposes, rather than to the State.

Previously on October 5, 2006, the CAPCOG Homeland Security Task Force passed a motion recommending that no jurisdiction that received an Election Form allow the State to use any funds which were designated for local use. Therefore no boxes would be checked on the Election Form.

The State is allowed to retain up to 20% of the State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) and Law Enforcement Terrorism and Prevention Program (LETPP) allocations for use on State projects. Twenty percent of the allocations in FY 06 is \$10,176,000. The State is requesting use of an additional \$15,772,800 (31%) of the total allocations from jurisdictions across the state to be used on State projects such as the TDex implementation project, the Live Scan implementation project and the Regional Emergency Exercises projects. As previously noted, the State is requesting \$1,064,713.00 from Austin. We have not identified any major City in the State willing to turn their allocation over to the State.

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**Subject:** FY 2006 Homeland Security Program – Unfunded Items

The following equipment items were identified as homeland security capability gaps in the 2006 Gaps Analysis, but are unfunded based on the current 2006 Homeland Security grant program funding allocation

- 1 **Public Safety Mobile Command Vehicle (Public Safety) - \$800,000** - This vehicle will have expanded interior work space for multiple sections of the Incident Command System, as well as integration of voice, video, and data capability to support large incident management and planning. It will also be able to share on-scene information with other facilities and officials
- 2 **Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Stockpile (Austin-Travis County Health and Human Services Department) - \$30,000** – This project would allow the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (ATCHHSD) to begin stockpiling PPE for response to public health emergencies such as pandemic influenza. Items will include N-95 masks, nitrile gloves, face shielding, hand sanitizers and other PPE
- 3 **Perimeter Fencing for 8301 Cameron Road (Building Services Department) - \$520,000** – In January 2006, the City of Austin purchased a 33 acre campus and approximately 276,000 square feet of buildings at 8301 Cameron Road, known as the Cameron Road Campus. Because of the sensitive nature of campus occupants' functions, and because the site is so large, installing a perimeter fence would make a significant impact on the City's ability to secure the site
- 4 **Corporate Access Cards (Communications Technology Management) - \$200,000** – This funding would allow for the purchase of 1000 Corporate access cards city-wide to provide for better security to City facilities

- 5 **Emergency Power (ATCHHSD) - \$150,000** – The ATCHHSD Campus, located at 801 Airport Boulevard, houses the department emergency operations center (DOC) The project will provide a back-up generator for Building A, which houses the communications capability for the DOC and other buildings on campus
- 6 **Satellite Telephones Package (Austin Energy) - \$13,925** – A major disaster in Austin has the potential to severely deplete the infrastructure supporting wireless and landline communications Austin Energy is seeking to add an additional layer of redundancy to its communications capabilities by adding satellite telephones The capability of Austin Energy’s operating divisions to communicate to one another, to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) and to other utilities is essential to recovering and sustaining the electric system
- 7 **Moveable Message Boards (Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management) - \$10,000** – These message boards would be deployed during emergencies to direct traffic or provide information to motorists as needed
- 8 **Mobile Data Computers (Communications Technology Management) - \$707,000** – This funding would help purchase replacement mobile data computers for EMS and AFD
- 9 **Tactical Entry and Operations Simulation Facility (Austin Police Department) - \$250,000** - The current facility is falling into disrepair and realistic training scenarios are limited A new facility will provide a safe environment for SWAT to conduct realistic training operations
- 10 **Security System Upgrades (Communications Technology Management) - \$251,000** - This project would provide for various security system upgrades such as to the Austin City Hall Data Center, the City’s wireless security system, and the One Texas Center Data Center

If you have any questions about these projects, please don't hesitate to contact me

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### Election Regarding State Use of Homeland Security Grant Funding For Statewide Local Projects on Behalf Of City of Austin

This agreement is authorized under the provisions of Chapter 791 (Interlocal Cooperation Act) of Texas Government Code. The parties to this Agreement are the State of Texas and the City of Austin.

The purpose of this agreement is to describe the terms by which the State of Texas shall expend Homeland Security Grant Funding on behalf of City of Austin for certain statewide projects designed to benefit local governments.

§ 421-072(a)(1) of the Texas Government Code provides that the Office of the Governor shall allocate available federal and state grants and other funding related to homeland security to state and local agencies that perform homeland security activities. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued grant number 2006-GE-T6-0068 to the State of Texas for the 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program. The State of Texas proposes to allocate grant funding to City of Austin as a sub-recipient of this grant.

Jurisdictions receiving homeland security grant funds may elect to authorize the State of Texas to use grant funds on their behalf during the period of performance of the grant to implement multi-agency projects. Under the rules established by DHS for this grant, this election must be in the form of a written agreement.

City of Austin authorizes the State of Texas to use local homeland security grant funds in the amount indicated for the statewide local projects indicated by a check mark below. (Check all that apply)

- Regional Emergency Exercises Grant Funds = \$140,784.06
- TIDE Implementation Grant Funds = \$57,1912.48
- Live Scan Implementation Grant Funds = \$352,016.91

The State of Texas shall provide one or more TIDE licenses to City of Austin during the period of the grant. The State of Texas shall purchase LIVESCAN licenses and equipment and provide license and equipment to surrounding counties during the period of the grant. The State of Texas will utilize pre-allocated funding from City of Austin for local and regional exercises.

#### Points of Contact

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This agreement does not intend to conflict with the current laws or regulations affecting the State of Texas or City of Austin, including provisions of Texas Government Code § 791-025. If any part of the above agreement is inconsistent with such authority, then the terms and agreed upon statement in writing shall be invalid.

The terms of this agreement are effective on the date of signature by the State of Texas.

This agreement may be modified upon the mutual written consent of the parties. The terms of this agreement if modified will remain in effect until grant ending date of February 28, 2008.

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For the State of Texas

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For City of Austin

Date

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Memorandum must be returned to GDEM by  
November 1, 2006, in order to receive grant funding.